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The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Robbins, read letters of acceptance from J. Foster Kirk, Esq., and Erastus B. Bigelow, Esq.

JUNE MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, June 9, at eleven o'clock, A.M., in the Dowse Library; the President, the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the American Philosophical Society, the Executive Committee of the American Antislavery Society, the Essex Institute, the Maine Historical Society, the New-England Loyal Publication Society, the Royal University of Norway, and the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History; from John Appleton, M.D.; William T. Coggeshall, Esq.; Mr. Andrew Cushing; Benjamin P. Johnson, Esq.; Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins, D.D.; Mr. Kent B. Stratford; Mr. William B. Trask; William W. Warren, Esq.; and from Messrs. Bartlet, Livermore, Metcalf, Robbins (C.), Sibley, Whitney, and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. ROBBINS, read letters of acceptance from William C. Endicott, Esq., and from Hon. E. R. Hoar, who had been elected Resident Members. He also read a letter addressed to him from Mr. S. A. Washington, of Darnestown, Montgomery County, Md., offering for sale a seal with the coat-of-arms and motto of General Washington, which the writer

said was not lost to history, as had been supposed by Mr. Everett, but was in his possession; he having inherited it from his father, the late Bushrod Washington, jun. He referred for a description of the seal, of which he enclosed an impression in wax, to the "Historical Magazine" for May, 1863.

The President announced, as a gift from Mr. Joseph Williamson, of Belfast, Me., a photograph of a Latin inscription on a plate of copper, about eight inches by ten in size, found in Castine, in the State of Maine; of which an account was given by Mr. G. H. Witherlee of that place, in a communication to the "Bangor Whig and Courier" of April 7, 1864. The inscription is as follows: * —

"1648, 8 Jun[ii], F[rater] Leo Paris[iensis], in Capuc[inorum] Miss[ione], posui hoc fund[amen]t[u]m in h[o]n[o]rem N[ost]ræ D[o]m[in]æ Sanctæ Spei."

A letter, written by Elisha Gearfield to Lieutenant Isaac Gearfield, of Tyringham, dated "Weston, June 23, 1775" (six days after the battle of Bunker Hill), was read by the President. The writer says, "I got down here well last Saturday, and went to Roxbury on Monday. I have no news to write: only some say that, and I believe there was, about a hundred of our men killed in the last fight on Saturday last; and it is reported that there [were] a thousand, and some say fifteen hundred, regulars, among which was General Howe. Dr. Warren, Major Mores, were killed; Colonel Gardner

* For further particulars concerning this inscription, see "Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society" for April, 1864, pp. 59–66.

wounded. I cannot tell whether there was any Tyringham men killed or not."

The letter was presented by Mr. Kent B. Stratford, to whom the thanks of the Society were voted for the gift.

The President also communicated, as a gift from Mr. William S. Appleton, a small book, of eighty-eight pages, entitled "England's Shame; or, The Unmasking of a Politick Atheist: being a full and faithful Relation of that grand Impostor, Hugh Peters. . . . By William Yonge, Dr. Med., London. . . . 1663."

The President stated that the author of this book, which he understood to be quite rare, was a principal witness against Peters at his trial in 1660.

The thanks of the Society were directed to be communicated to Mr. Appleton for this contribution to the library.

Mr. Livermore, from the Nominating Committee, reported the name of Leverett Saltonstall to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee; and Mr. Saltonstall was unanimously elected.

Mr. Sibley read a valuable and interesting paper on the history of the Triennial Catalogues of Harvard College, which he had been requested to prepare.*

The President called attention to a large sheet lying on the table (a gift to the Society), being the "Pedigree of Appleton," prepared by Dr. John Appleton, the Assistant-Librarian; and the customary acknowledgments were directed to be made to the donor.

* Mr. Sibley will furnish a copy of his paper for the next volume of the Proceedings.

The President also took occasion to refer to the visit to our rooms, on the 2d instant, of the Russian admiral, Lessoffsky, and the officers of the Russian squadron, now the guests of the City of Boston.

JULY MEETING.

The Society held its stated monthly meeting this day, Thursday, July 14, at eleven o'clock, A.M., in the Dowse Library; the President, the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

In the absence of the Librarian, the Recording Secretary announced donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the State of Vermont; the Department of State of the United States; the City of Boston; the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York; the Mercantile-Library Association of San Francisco; the New-England Loyal Publication Society; the Smithsonian Institution; the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History; the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, South Danvers; John Appleton, M.D.; William S. Appleton, Esq.; Leonard C. Bowles, Esq.; Charles L. Flint, Esq.; Charles L. Hancock, Esq.; Clement H. Hill, Esq.; Benjamin P. Johnson, Esq.; John D. Philbrick, Esq.; Hon. Joseph Segar; William B. Smith, Esq.; Mr. S. H. Smothers; William V. Spencer, Esq.; J. M. Toner, M.D.; Mr. William B. Trask; and from Messrs. Brooks (W. G.), Quint, Robbins (C.), Webb, and Winthrop, of the Society.